

Lionel Messi: Amazing Facts About the Soccer Legend

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1. When and where was Lionel Messi born?

- A) June 24, 1987, in Rosario, Argentina**
- B) July 4, 1987, in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- C) June 24, 1987, in Santa Fe, Argentina
- D) July 4, 1987, in Rosario, Argentina

2. Who was Messi's first coach?

- A) His father, Jorge Messi**
- B) His grandmother, Celia
- C) A coach at Grandoli
- D) A coach at Newell's Old Boys

3. Who was Messi's first major influence as a player?

- A) His father
- B) His grandmother, Celia**
- C) Pablo Aimar
- D) Cristiano Ronaldo

4. At what age was Messi diagnosed with a growth hormone deficiency?

- A) Four
- B) Seven
- C) Ten**
- D) Twelve

5. How many goals did Messi score for FC Barcelona?

- A) 672**
- B) 500
- C) 91
- D) 400

6. In what year did Messi score 91 goals in a calendar year, breaking Gerd Müller's record?

- A) 1972
- B) 2000
- C) 2012**
- D) 2022

7. How many goals did Messi score against Real Madrid during his FC Barcelona career?

- A) 26
- B) 10
- C) 91
- D) 672

8. Why did Messi leave FC Barcelona in 2021?

- A) He wanted a new challenge
- B) Severe financial troubles at the club
- C) He was transferred
- D) To play with Sergio Agüero

9. Who is Messi's most frequent teammate?

- A) Cristiano Ronaldo
- B) Sergio Agüero
- C) Sergio Busquets
- D) Lionel Richie

10. Who is Messi married to?

- A) His childhood friend, Antonela Rocuzzo
- B) His mother
- C) His sister
- D) A famous actress

11. What are the names of Messi's three children?

- A) Thiago, Mateo, and Ciro
- B) Lionel Jr., Jorge, and Mateo
- C) Benjamin, Thiago, and Ciro
- D) Mateo, Thiago, and Benjamin

12. Messi is the godfather to whose son?

- A) Sergio Busquets' son
- B) His own son
- C) Sergio Agüero's son
- D) Lionel Richie's son

13. Messi has a tattoo dedicated to his wife's what?

- A) Smile
- B) Eyes
- C) Hands
- D) Hair

14. How much money has Messi earned throughout his career, well over?

A) \$1.15 billion

B) \$100 million

C) \$500 million

D) \$5 billion

15. On what was Messi's first FC Barcelona contract signed?

A) A piece of paper

B) A napkin

C) A contract form

D) A menu

16. Who was Messi named after?

A) His father

B) His grandfather

C) Lionel Richie

D) Pablo Aimar

17. Who was Messi's idol growing up?

A) Diego Maradona

B) Pablo Aimar

C) Cristiano Ronaldo

D) Lionel Richie

18. On his Argentina debut, Messi was sent off for elbowing an opponent. How long after coming off the bench did this happen?

A) 2 minutes

B) 5 minutes

C) 10 minutes

D) 15 minutes

19. What achievement made Messi's Instagram post the most-liked in history?

A) Winning his first Ballon d'Or

B) Scoring a hat-trick

C) Lifting the 2022 World Cup

D) His transfer to Inter Miami

20. How many Ballon d'Or awards has Messi won?

A) Five

B) Six

C) Seven

D) Eight

21. Messi is the only player to win the World Cup Golden Ball twice. In which years did he win it?

- A) 2010 and 2014
- B) 2014 and 2018
- C) 2014 and 2022**
- D) 2018 and 2022

22. With Argentina, Messi won an Olympic gold medal at which Olympic Games?

- A) 2004 Athens
- B) 2008 Beijing**
- C) 2012 London
- D) 2016 Rio

23. Messi holds the record for the most assists in soccer history, with over how many?

- A) 200
- B) 300
- C) 400**
- D) 500

24. How many team trophies has Messi won in his career?

- A) 36
- B) 40
- C) 46**
- D) 50

25. Which of these is NOT a team trophy Messi has won?

- A) La Liga titles
- B) Champions Leagues
- C) Copa America
- D) Premier League titles**

26. What was Messi's first club where he was coached by his father?

- A) Newell's Old Boys
- B) FC Barcelona
- C) Grandoli**
- D) Inter Miami

27. Messi's first major influence, Celia, supported him by attending his...

- A) Birthday parties
- B) Training sessions and matches**
- C) School events
- D) Family gatherings

28. Messi scored nearly 500 goals for which childhood club before moving to Barcelona?

- A) Grandoli
- B) Newell's Old Boys**
- C) Argentina U-20s
- D) Real Madrid

29. What is the name of the fixture where Messi scored 26 goals against Real Madrid?

- A) The Super Clásico
- B) The Derby della Madonnina
- C) The El Clásico**
- D) The Manchester Derby

30. Messi's 2022 World Cup winning photo on Instagram has received over how many likes?

- A) 50 million
- B) 60 million
- C) 74 million**
- D) 80 million